

strong in the entity of Republika Srpska created by the Dayton Agreement, and at the same time encourage practical reforms so that Bosnia can function more effectively as a European partner. When one talks to the young people that represent Bosnia's future, as several of us have, it is clear they do not want to forget the past but they certainly do not want to repeat it. They want a future in Europe, and their political leaders need to give them that future. I hope the United States, which has invested so much in Bosnia thus far, will be there as necessary to help.

DIAGNOSTIC IMAGING SERVICES

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, I have introduced the Diagnostic Imaging Services Access Protection Act of 2012, joined by my colleague from Louisiana, Senator DAVID VITTER. Our goal is to preserve Medicare beneficiaries' access to life-saving advanced diagnostic imaging services, such as magnetic resonance imaging, MRI, computed tomography, CT, and ultrasound.

Let me explain why this legislation is necessary. Medicare reimbursement for radiology services is based on two components: technical and professional. The technical component comprises the cost of equipment, nonphysician personnel, and medical supplies associated with the imaging process. The professional component is calculated by factoring in the radiologist's time, effort, and skill involved in interpreting images, rendering patient diagnoses, and reporting the findings in the patient's medical record. In recent years, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services sought to control imaging growth by cutting reimbursement for the technical component—reducing payment for multiple imaging services administered by the same physician to the same patient during a single office visit. This policy is referred to as the multiple procedure payment reduction, or MPPR. It is designed to take into account the efficiencies achieved by doing same-day procedures on the same patient, and for the technical component of radiology, it makes sense.

However this year, CMS decided to apply the MPPR to the professional component as well. The 2012 fee schedule rule, which took effect on January 1, cut the professional component reimbursement for radiologists by 25 percent for additional images. This payment reduction ignores the realities of medical practice. It is not supported by sound data, nor was it developed with meaningful physician input. Because each imaging study produces its own set of images that require individual interpretation, radiologists are ethically and professionally obligated to expend the same amount of time and effort interpreting each one, regardless of the number of images, the section of the body being examined, or the date of service.

Further, because radiologists are referral-based physicians who rarely order the studies they interpret, MPPR is an ineffective tool to reduce inappropriate utilization. Beneficiaries receiving multiple imaging studies often represent the sickest and most complex cases. They may have advanced cancer or be recovering from a stroke, serious car accidents, multiple gunshot wounds, or other forms of deadly trauma.

Not only will CMS' flawed policy disproportionately affect the most vulnerable patients, it may also create incentives to shift services away from the private practice setting, where the physician fee schedule applies, to the more expensive hospital outpatient setting.

Our legislation will ensure that CMS does not arbitrarily undervalue the role of the radiologist within the health care delivery system. It would cancel the MPPR cut to the professional component of radiology services through the end of 2012 and prevent it from taking effect in future years, pending more comprehensive study of the matter. Specifically, the Secretary of Health and Human Services would be prohibited from taking this action unless the reduction is based on the data, analysis, and conclusions of an independent expert panel convened by the Institute of Medicine.

A similar bill, HR 3269, has been introduced in the House of Representatives and it enjoys the strong bipartisan support of more than 240 cosponsors. I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan and budget-neutral approach to preserving patient access to community-based diagnostic imaging services.

REMEMBERING DICK CLARK

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, today I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Dick Clark, one of our country's most beloved cultural icons who entertained grateful viewers in America and around the world for more than 60 years. He passed away on April 17, 2012, at age 82.

Richard Wagstaff Clark was born on November 30, 1929 in Mount Vernon, NY. As a child, Dick looked up to his older brother, Bradley, who became a pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and was killed in the Battle of the Bulge. Dick became depressed after his brother's death, and the only thing that lifted his spirits was music.

In some ways, Dick Clark was destined to work in the broadcasting industry. As a child, he became interested in radio after his parents took him to a live broadcast of the Jimmy Durante and Garry Moore show. Ever the affable young man, Dick participated in A.B. Davis High School's drama club and was elected class president.

After graduating from Syracuse University with a degree in business ad-

ministration, Dick began working on "Bandstand" at Philadelphia's WFIL Radio. The popularity of this program led WFIL TV to begin broadcasting it as an afternoon television show, which Dick started hosting in 1956. The following year, he pitched the show to the American Broadcasting Company, and it became nationally broadcast as "American Bandstand."

"American Bandstand" became a phenomenon, a trendsetting show that touched people around the world across lines of race, culture, and ethnicity. "Bandstand's" integration of African Americans as musicians and dancers played a role breaking down racial barriers at a time when the civil rights movement was coming to the forefront. Over the next three decades, while the show moved from weekdays to Saturdays and from Philadelphia to Los Angeles, Dick Clark introduced American families to many artists who later became icons, including the Supremes, Michael Jackson, Madonna, and Prince. Aretha Franklin recently noted, "If you didn't go on 'American Bandstand,' you hadn't made it yet."

Over the course of his career, Dick Clark came to be known as one of the most hard-working people in show business. With Dick Clark Productions, founded in 1956, Clark produced television shows, made-for-TV movies, award shows, and beauty pageants. Unistar, which he cofounded and owned, distributed Clark's radio shows including "Countdown America" and "Dick Clark's Rock, Roll & Remembers."

In 1972 "Rockin' Eve" premiered, and since then generations of Americans have welcomed in the New Year with Dick Clark and watched with him as the ball dropped in New York City—a tradition that continued for 40 years. Throughout his time as host, Dick Clark only missed one New Year's Eve celebration in 2005 due to a stroke. The following year he was once again on the air welcoming the New Year with his beloved wife Kari and showing all of us that with tenacity, anything is possible.

Throughout his career, Clark left an indelible mark on the landscape of American music and television, from his 1974 creation of the American Music Awards to his productions of the Academy of Country Music Awards, Golden Globe Awards, Emmy Awards, Live Aid, and Farm Aid. For his successful career and tireless work ethic, Dick Clark was honored with Daytime and Primetime Emmy Awards, Daytime and Primetime Lifetime Achievement Awards, and inductions into the Radio Hall of Fame, the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Hall of Fame, and the Philadelphia Walk of Fame.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Dick's wife Kari, his sons Richard Augustus II and Duane, his daughter Cindy, and his grandchildren. He will be missed by the millions of people worldwide who were touched by his work.

REMEMBERING DEPUTY ROBERT PARIS

Mrs. BOXER. Madam President, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the memory of Deputy Robert "Bob" Paris, a dedicated public servant in the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Office and a kind and loyal colleague, friend, and family man. On the morning of April 12, 2012, Deputy Paris was tragically killed in the line of duty while serving an eviction notice in north Modesto.

A graduate of Tracy High School and the Ray Simon Criminal Justice Training Center in Modesto, Bob Paris joined the Stanislaus Sheriff's Department as a reserve deputy in May 1996 and became a full-time employee in 1998. During his tenure with the department, he served the community as a court bailiff, a patrol deputy, and as a member of the sheriff's water enforcement team. He was also the department's first-aid and CPR instructor at the sheriff's academy.

For the past 16 years, Deputy Paris dutifully served the citizens and communities of Stanislaus County with great pride, integrity, and valor. His devotion to helping others, along with his passion for law enforcement, helped him become a respected member of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Paris served Stanislaus County with honor and bravery, and I send my heartfelt sympathies to his family, friends, and colleagues.

HONOR FLIGHT NORTHERN COLORADO

Mr. UDALL of Colorado. Madam President, today I wish to speak on behalf of my colleagues and a grateful Nation as we welcome to the Nation's capital the 122 men and women of Honor Flight Northern Colorado. Together, they represent soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines from WWII, Korea, and Vietnam. These heroes embody the dedication, honor, and selfless service that make this country great. We owe them and all servicemembers a debt that can never be repaid.

Throughout the history of our great Republic, our men and women in uniform have shielded this country from the harm that others wish to inflict on it. We have always asked a great deal from these individuals; that they leave their families to fight in an unknown land against a deadly enemy. They have always bravely answered the call, placing themselves between this country and harm's way.

On this flight are World War II veterans from every branch of service.

From the Army we have:

Robert Barnd, Loveland; Frank Brown, Fort Collins; William Castor, Loveland; Lowell Dart, Berthoud; Donald Draxler, Loveland; Jose Duran, Log Lane Village; Joseph Edwards, Scottsdale; George Emerick, Fort Morgan; Warren Garst, Fort Collins; Joseph Graham, Palo Alto; Roland Kaiser,

Longmont; Victor Lazar, Sandy; David Leon, Alliance; Russell Malm, Greeley; W. Dennis McHenry, Estes Park; Raymond Mega, Longmont; Gerald Monroe, LaSalle; Bernard Nettesheim, Loveland; Richard Porter, Longmont; James Rauenbuehler, Fort Collins; Frederick Reck, Julesburg; Walter Sapp, Fort Collins; Alan Shultes, Longmont; Theodore Wahler, Loveland; Evans Woodhouse, Mead.

Army Air Corps veterans include:

Carson Bright, Longmont; Wayne Bullock, Fort Collins; Robert Duntsch, Bozeman; Marvin Fowler, Lamar; Donald Morrison, Limon; Homer Phillips, Jr., Fort Collins; Gilbert Rohde, Longmont; Charles Smoot, Loveland; Gene Thorson, Strasburg; Crowell Werner, Fort Collins.

From the Navy are:

Charles Agnew, Wheat Ridge; Eugene Bonkiewicz, Greeley; Jack Endacott, Estes Park; Robert Gillham, Peetz; William Hampton, Gering; Willis Kramer, Greeley; Harry Livingston, Estes Park; Gilbert Lopez, Denver; Armin Moser, Loveland; Reynold Olson, Estes Park; Marion Raines, Limon; Henry Schmitt, Jr., Longmont; Waldo Smith, Highlands Ranch; Fredrick Stein, Fort Collins; William Stromberg, Sr., Loveland; Clyde Treadway, Brush; Arthur Wartburg, Boulder; James White, Estes Park; Robert Williams, Johnstown.

We welcome Marine Corps veteran Lewis Ashcraft, Littleton.

And finally, from the Women's Auxiliary Corps, we have Mary Livingston, Estes Park.

Also on the flight are veterans from the Korean War.

Help me welcome Army veterans:

Darryl Anderson, Fort Morgan; Raymond Anderson, Gill; Donald Armagost, Greeley; Eugene Ball, Windsor; Harry Bell, Fort Collins; Orlis Charboneau, Pierce; Robert Cupp, Loveland; Samuel Ehrlich, Longmont; Alvin Eurich, Simla; John Hess, Loveland; Donald Hoffner, Eaton; Robert Kramer, Fort Lupton; Robert Kruger, Platteville; Lindy Leifheit, Irvine; Chester McCoy, Brush; William Miller, Fort Collins; James Ochsner, Windsor; Arnold Piel, Stoneham; Wayne Pimple, Greeley; Richard Reagan, Wellington; Gerald Rice, Fort Collins; Joseph Sellers, Ault; William Shirey, Estes Park; Norris Slechts, Berthoud.

Air Force veterans include:

James Ball, Denver; Dale Crist, Frederick; Bobbie Desmond, Loveland; Francis Fleming, Jr., Berthoud; Virgil Hanson, Greeley; Marguerite Ingram, Evans; Harry Rieger, Brush; Edward Roebuck, Greeley; Robert Stanley, Greeley; Darrell Viegut, Loveland.

From the Navy we have:

Emil Badjar, Longmont; Leslie Brumley, Greeley; Edward Eson, Greeley; Clarence Ehlbert, Fort Collins; Leslie Fraley, Jr., Fort Collins; George Frysinger III, Fort Collins; John Goad, Severance; Roman Herrmann, Longmont; Chester McGuire, Loveland;

Raymond Nuss, Greeley; Louis Peterson, Longmont; Marshall Petring, Fort Collins; Gerald Ross, Fort Collins; Alan Seaman, Longmont; Clarence Strahan, Jr., Fort Collins; William Striffler, Fort Collins; Irvin Tregoning, Johnstown; Jimmie Tregoning, Greeley; Merrill Tregoning, Windsor; Sam Warner, Loveland.

Representing the Marine Corps are:

Timothy Daley, Fort Collins; Richard Gero, Loveland; Billy Hettinger, Fort Collins.

And from the Women's Auxiliary Corps is Elizabeth Strahan, Fort Collins.

Veterans from the Vietnam War are on this flight as well.

From the Army we have:

Dennis Henneberg, Loveland; Donald Hess, Greeley; Jack Roberts, Greeley.

Representing the Navy are:

Edward Fast, Fort Collins; Daniel Menzies, Loveland.

And finally, Marine Corps veterans include:

Doyle Biggs, Loveland; Paul Delgado, Greeley; Steven White, Greeley.

Join me in thanking these Colorado veterans and the volunteers of Honor Flight Northern Colorado for their tremendous service to this great Nation.

RECOGNIZING THE WILLIAM J. MOTTO BIOSCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. PORTMAN. Madam President, today I wish to recognize the establishment of the William J. Motto Annual Bioscience Scholarship at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of its founding, Meridian Bioscience, Inc., is funding a \$5,000 annual scholarship to support a deserving student each year at Cincinnati State.

The scholarship is named in honor of Meridian bioscience executive chairman and Founder, William "Bill" Motto, who has a passion for creating opportunities for hard-working individuals who wish to improve their lives and our community.

Bill Motto founded Meridian in 1977 in the basement of his home, not far from the company's headquarters in Newtown, just outside of Cincinnati. Today, Meridian is a fully integrated life science company that manufactures, markets, and distributes a broad range of diagnostic test kits, purified reagents, and biopharmaceutical enabling technologies. In addition to products used in the early diagnosis and treatment of common medical conditions, Meridian develops and manufactures a variety of biological and non-biological materials used in proficiency testing programs.

The scholarship will be geared toward students majoring in biosciences, as the college prepares to open a new bioscience lab in its Health Professions Building. In addition, the college has expanded its curriculum to help students become lab technicians or to pursue bachelor's or other specialized degrees.